

FISCAL NOTE

SB 741 - HB 1378

March 14, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases from one year to two years the length of the black fly suppression program. Eliminates the May 2007 start-date requirement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$89,200/One-Time

Assumptions:

- The proposed program extension would involve a minimum of 12 treatment sessions conducted in the French Broad River between Lanceville, Tennessee and the headwaters of Douglas Lake and the Pigeon River between Hartford and Oldtown (confluence with the French Broad River).
- Treatments would be conducted between April 15th and September 15th with the biological control agent, *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israelensis*.
- Costs of the study program include \$27,000 for labor and consulting; \$45,000 for the insecticide (BTI); \$10,000 for research; and \$7,200 for other related costs totaling \$89,200 for one additional year of the program.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director